

HURRICANE HARVEY



PROJECT TYPE

Emergency Restoration

SCOPE

114,000 restoration hours

LOCATION

Various Parts of Texas and Louisiana

START DATE

August 2017

On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Rockport, Texas as a Category 4 hurricane. Harvey was the first major hurricane of the Atlantic hurricane season. It was devastating. Winds as strong as 130 mph left extensive damage to power infrastructure in their wake along the Gulf Coast from Rockport to Southeast Texas and into Louisiana.

Irby Construction crews were prepared before the storm hit. As Harvey made landfall, caravans of bucket trucks drove toward Texas, so the power restoration process could begin as soon as rain and winds subsided.

"Emergency restoration is both the most grueling and the most gratifying work Irby linemen address," said Chris Swindoll, Superintendent. "Restoring power is often restoring some sense of normalcy for communities hit by these storms. It's a process we're proud to be a part of."

More than 300 Irby men performed work during the 2017 hurricane season. Many of those men worked both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, a storm that followed just days later, back to back. In total, Irby teams logged 114,000 restoration man-hours alongside many Quanta sister companies.

Hurricane Harvey and Irma caused mass destruction to numerous regions in and surrounding the U.S. According to estimates from Moody's Analytics, damage and lost productivity cost as much as \$200 billion.

